

MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE
COUNCIL OF WAITE HILL, OHIO

April 13, 2020

Pursuant to notice given, the Council of the Village of Waite Hill, Ohio, met via Zoom at 8:02 a.m. on Monday, April 13, 2020, with Mayor Robert A. Ranallo presiding. The following members of Council were present via Zoom:

Ryan Cox
Robert Gale
Sam Knezevic

Marcia Merritt
Karl Scheucher
Courtenay Taplin

Mr. Steudel attended via telephone.

Also present via Zoom were Clerk-Treasurer Robbi Laps, Law Director Stephen L. Byron, and Chief of Police Keith DeWitt.

The minutes of a Regular Meeting of Council held February 10, 2020, had previously been distributed to Council. Mr. Taplin moved to approve the minutes as presented, which motion was seconded by Mr. Scheucher.

Roll Call:

Yeas: Cox, Merritt, Scheucher, Steudel, Taplin

Nays: None

Abstain: Gale, Knezevic

Motion carried

Minutes approved

Resolution No. 2020-5 - "A Resolution authorizing and directing the payment of certain sums" was read. After discussion, Ms. Merritt moved that said Resolution be adopted as read, which motion was seconded by Mr. Gale.

Roll Call:

Yeas: Cox, Gale, Knezevic, Merritt, Scheucher, Steudel, Taplin

Nays: None

Motion carried

Resolution No. 2020-5 adopted

Ordinance No. 2020-9 - "An Ordinance authorizing the Village to participate in the Ohio Department of Transportation Winter Contract (018-21) for Road Salt and to take any other action necessary to participate in the bulk purchasing of road salt for the 2020-2021 winter season and declaring an emergency" was read for the first time. Mr. Steudel moved to suspend the rule requiring that an ordinance be read on three different days, which motion was seconded by Mr. Taplin.

Roll Call:

Yeas: Cox, Gale, Knezevic, Merritt, Scheucher, Steudel, Taplin

Nays: None

Motion carried

Rule suspended

After discussion, Mr. Scheucher moved to adopt Ordinance No. 2020-9, which motion was seconded by Mr. Steudel.

Roll Call: Yeas: Cox, Gale, Knezevic, Merritt, Scheucher, Steudel, Taplin
Nays: None

Motion carried
Ordinance No. 2020-9 adopted

Ms. Merritt reported on behalf of the Communication and Community Outreach Committee. She noted that the resolution congratulating the Kirtland Football team was still being processed (having contained typographical errors of some names). It was determined that the document will not need to be re-signed because there were no errors on the signature pages. The delay has permitted two members of Council who were unable to sign the document previously to get to Village Hall to sign it. The resolution will then be sent to the school and the residents. Ms. Merritt indicated that the Mayor would be sending a letter to the residents regarding the COVID-19 issues and the Mayor indicated that it will come out after May 1, when the Village has information regarding April statistics. While there are no known cases of COVID-19 within the Village, there are family members of Village residents that may have contracted the disease. It was confirmed that notice of today's meeting went out in the same manner as all notices of Council meetings, except the information on how to attend (via Zoom) had also been included with the notice.

Mr. Scheucher noted that there had been no Finance Committee meeting prior to the Council meeting. The Village had received the true-up of the property taxes from the Lake County Auditor's office in the amount of \$257,615.

Mr. Knezevic advised Council that there had been no Planning and Zoning Commission meeting in March. There will be a meeting in April via Zoom.

Mr. Taplin, on behalf of the Safety Committee, noted that the Village has been particularly quiet as a consequence of the stay-at-home order by the state. Chief DeWitt gave a report on activities in the Village including a possible domestic violence charge in Creewood. He noted that there had been a decrease of activity in the Village because of the stay-at-home order. He also advised Council that Lake County is a model for emergency preparedness. The only increase in crime has been charges of domestic violence; all other crimes have been reduced. The Village Police Department is in good shape regarding personal protective equipment. Finally, First Energy is being proactive in addressing power outages.

Mr. Gale reported that the Service Department had come through the winter very well and that the new employees were getting accustomed to the Village's work. The Department is aware that the workers cannot enter the homes of residents, so all residents have been asked to take their garbage out of the garage for pick-up. A notice needs to be sent out to remind residents on Gardenside that garbage pick-up is starting at 8:30 a.m.

The Mayor echoed Chief DeWitt that Lake County has been very effective with its emergency communications. He also noted that he had seen a notice that Issue 2 funding may be affected by the economic impact of the stay-at-home order and is checking with Tim Lannon regarding the matter. Finally, the Mayor reported that he had been contacted by Tom Healy regarding the purchase of plots in the Waite Hill Cemetery. Tom and his wife Jane had, with their family, been residents of the Village in the 60's, 70's and 80's, and Tom had served on Council and as Council President. Tom requested of the Mayor that he be permitted to purchase two cemetery plots for himself and his wife. The Mayor had passed on the written request to Council. After discussion, Mr. Gale moved to approve the sale of two plots at a price of \$750 each (the going non-resident rate) to Mr. and Mrs. Tom Healy. Mr. Cox seconded the motion.

Roll Call: Yeas: Cox, Gale, Knezevic, Merritt, Scheucher, Steudel, Taplin
 Nays: None

Motion carried
 Sale of cemetery plots approved

There being no further business to come before the Council, Mr. Gale moved to adjourn the meeting, which motion was seconded by Mr. Taplin.

Roll Call: Yeas: Cox, Gale, Knezevic, Merritt, Scheucher, Steudel, Taplin
 Nays: None

Motion carried
 Meeting adjourned at 8:53 a.m.

APPROVED: _____, 2020

 Robert A. Ranallo, Mayor

ATTEST: _____
 Robbi Laps, Clerk-Treasurer